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OUR FIRST LADY

SALUTES LIBRARIES!!

April 21-27

West Virginia's Honorary Chairman for National Library Week, April 21-27, is Mrs. Arch Moore, Jr., a former librarian! For two years while her husband was enrolled in law school, Mrs. Moore worked in the film library at West Virginia University Library. She reports that this was a very happy experience, and it has resulted in libraries occupying a special place in her memory. Though Mrs. Moore is a native of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, she graduated from West Virginia University and then taught at the Fair Chance School immediately after graduation. Reading and its importance to education and the democratic society are genuinely valued by our chairman.



Mrs. Arch A. Moore, Jr.

Miss Judy Rule, West Virginia Library Association representative for National Library Week, reports that ten visits have been scheduled as Mrs. Moore tours libraries in April. She will pose with the Book Express Staff and book trailer at the Capitol Building on April nineteenth, and then tour public libraries at the following locations, Monday through Friday: Clarksburg, Morgantown, Wheeling, Weirton, Grantsville, Huntington, and Paw Paw. The Nitro Elementary School Library will be the school library visited, and Veterans Administration Library at Martinsburg is the special library to participate in this event.

GOLDEN
ANNIVERSARY
IN
MOOREFIELD

Not many libraries in the Mountain State can brag about completing fifty years of service, but the Hardy County Library Association was a pioneer leader. One of the few libraries which constructed its own building, it has constantly progressed. By contract,

Bookmobile Service is supplied for their rural residents from Potomac Valley Regional Library. Fund raising for years has been largely through proceeds from a very successful House Tour promotion.

This year, the Association has broken new ground by deciding to reorganize under the West Virginia State Law. The County Court, the Board of Education, and the Town of Moorefield have agreed to jointly sponsor the organization. An invitation is being extended to all interested parties to attend a dinner in celebration to be held at Moorefield Presbyterian Church, 6:00 p.m., April 22.

Congratulations to Marjorie Zirk, Librarian, Ralph Hitt, President, and all the many Association members in this lively public library.

NEW LIBRARY
TRUSTEES

The new Rainelle Public Library Board met on March 28 to plan the details of service. Board members include Mrs. Leonora Morton, Chairman, Mrs. Sara Lee Neal, Secretary-Treasurer, F. E. (Gene) Nelson, Reverend Jack Stafford, and Dale Ocheltree.

Logan County Court has appointed a new library board which is organizing on April 16. Membership includes Roscoe Spence, Jack Garrett, Larry King, Mrs. Norma Valentine of Holden, and Mrs. Pat Cook of Man.

A first for Mason County is a legally appointed library board at Point Pleasant. Membership includes William H. Rardin, Jr., Mrs. Donald Nott, Calvin Smith, R. Michael Shaw, and L. W. Getty.

LIBRARY
TRUSTEES TO MEET
AT
A.L.A. IN NEW YORK
JULY 6-8

Old and new trustees alike will be welcomed at the American Library Association Annual Conference Meeting at the Hilton and Americana Hotels in New York City, Saturday, July sixth. Trustees will hear representatives from the National Commission on Libraries and Informational Science, Sunday, July seventh, a discussion on the relationship between State and Public Library Trustees.

EXECUTIVE
DEVELOPMENT FOR
LIBRARY ADMINISTRATORS
JUNE 16-22

Miami University at Oxford will continue its annual series for professional librarians. Contact Dr. Robert H. Myers, Director in the School of Business Administration, 513-529-4129.

A.L.A. SCHOLARSHIP
FOR
LIBRARY SCIENCE
STUDENTS

\$3,000 David H. Clift Scholarships, named in honor of the former Executive Director, "will be awarded to two worthy students without regard to race, creed, color, national origin or sex, either to begin or further their library education at the graduate level."

The Clift Scholarships will be awarded by the A.L.A. Awards Committee and the Library Education Division.

A CHANCE
FOR FREE COLLEGE
TRAINING!

Public libraries worth their salt are managed by people who really know. The chance to continue to participate in State aid is dependent on certified librarians managing even small village libraries.

Since the West Virginia Library Commission insists on expertise in management, they are presenting a complete two-week course on the Marshall University Campus at Huntington. The dates are May 12th to 24th. The program is open to interested students from any state who want to discuss the unique problems of the small and remote library.

Attendance at the training program will involve listening to lectures and participating in discussions on a myriad of services which render a public library an information center and a local mecca for cultural events. Four Kentucky State experts will lend their ideas and advice to the program: Michael Harris and James Nelson of the University of Kentucky staff will lecture respectively on history of libraries and the continuing education program for adults in libraries, and Mrs. James Richardson of the Logan County Library will report on successful ventures in the small town of Russellville, Kentucky. Returning for a second appearance at a WVLC affair is Priscilla Gotsick of Morehead State University.

From across the broad Ohio, leaders in the Buckeye State will converge on the Marshall Campus to trade state secrets. Miss Bonnie Mitchell, specialist from the State Library in Columbus, will offer clues on developing a good children's program; Mrs. Janet Polachek of Stark County Library in Canton will tell how to attract the teenager; and Mark Neyman of Washington County Library in Marietta will describe lures for the adult reader.

Two dozen additional persons will make up the faculty of thirty persons staffing the program. Noteworthy among these are members of the host faculty at Marshall. Dr. Walter Felty, Chairman of Media Services, will demonstrate a full day on audiovisual services and techniques. Other Marshall faculty lecturing in their respective specialties are Josephine Fideler, Ann Theis, Margaret Bobbitt, and Isabel Paul. Department Heads from the Library Commission and the Cabell County Library will be lecturing and team teaching with working librarians from across the State.



DR. KEN SLACK

Co-hosting and masterminding the two-week extravaganza are Commission Director, Fred Glazer, and Marshall Library Director, Ken Slack. A relative newcomer, our host is pictured at the left. We are guessing that we'll be savoring a bit of western hospitality since Dr. Slack is from the great Mormon State of Utah, and he received his library science training at the University of Denver. Mr. Slack's special emphasis is Interlibrary Loan Service, but he brings a wide ranging experience to Marshall, having served at several junior high school libraries, and ten years in Hawaii at the Church College at Leie. Choral singing is a hobby. He assures women with husbands and babies that either or both would be welcome.

For more details, contact Frances Jones at the Library Commission.

PUBLIC LIBRARY
BUILDING
UPDATE

Six projects are at levels ranging from jubilation to tears. Delirious with excitement is the Bluefield Library which has occupied its new quarters. A record was established in completion of this \$675,000 building in exactly one year. The National Guard was to have done the moving, but when they failed to show up, the high school Key Club and Keyettes did the job with the assistance of City trucks.

A shopping center site will be the home of the new Putnam County Library at Winfield. Eugene Imbrogno presented the deed to Jack Kessler, President of the Library Board, and Charles Farley, President of the County Court, on March 18. Construction on the \$325,000 property will begin this Spring. The Board used the occasion to kick off a \$50,000 fund raising effort. Square Dances and Kiddie parades have aroused interest in this much needed building.

Union Carbide has contributed \$2,500 to the new Pleasants County building, which is underway. "Walls are going up in St. Marys."

Two remodeling projects, long delayed, have finally been launched. March eighteenth, Southern Builders started work on a \$30,000 first stage of a transformation planned for the Boone National Bank at Madison where a new County library has been organized. 7,500 square feet of space will be immediately realized for library use. In Fairmont, Marion County will remodel the old Post Office Lobby. Dr. George Boyles, new chairman of the library board, reports that the costs of approximately \$20,000 will be made possible through Revenue Sharing funds.

Dedication ceremonies, with Governor Moore invited to officiate, are tentatively set for April twenty-seventh. The event will be a doubleheader with Ripley's new structure opened in the morning and Ravenswood in the early afternoon. Board Chairman, Perry O'Brien, opines that he is pretty proud of the operating budget which has advanced from \$750 to \$40,000 in the coming year.

IF IT'S COPYING
YOU WANT!
USE YOUR LIBRARY

Sixty-three new 3M copying machines will dramatically change the world in small libraries here in "Almost Heaven" West Virginia. Every library which did not have copying equipment will be supplied with a book and document copier before April 30th. The machines are being stored in a Charleston warehouse and will be installed by an expert with a demonstration supplied. The grant is made possible by \$21,000 from Title III of Library Services and Construction Act funds.

Libraries in the following locations are recipients: Sophia, Princeton, Milton, Delbarton, Hurricane, New Haven, Pt. Pleasant, Wayne, Fort Gay, Dunbar, Nitro, Grantsville, Spencer, Clay, West Union, Harrisville, Ripley, Ravenswood, Elizabeth, South Parkersburg, St. Marys, Vienna, Mannington, Terra Alta, Grafton, Blacksville, Lost Creek, Philippi, Weston, Buckhannon, Shinnston, Parsons, Piedmont, Petersburg, Franklin, Moorefield, Capon Bridge, Hedgesville, Marlowe, Shepherdstown, Berkeley Springs, Paw Paw, Cameron, Paden City, McMechen, New Cumberland, Chester, Wellsburg, Fayetteville, Oak Hill, Lewisburg, Rainelle, Hamlin, Man, Welch, Union, Richwood, Summersville, Marlinton, Pineville, Oceana, Mullens, Webster Springs.

OHIO'S
GOVERNOR'S
CONFERENCE
ON
LIBRARIES

Ye olde editor, herself, tripped over to Columbus State Fair grounds to see how our neighbors managed a state-wide meeting. The emphasis was placed on bridging the gap between types of libraries. Theme: "Libraries Are For People". Attendance was 750 with 500 librarians and 250 laymen.

One funny story, recounted by a newsman, was about the manufacturer of the famous Sloan's Liniment who as a young man was turned away by a library because his clothes were too shabby. When he had a fortune, he built a library with the specific purpose of guaranteeing admission for the poor. (There may be a lesson here!)

A tip for the budget requester is a quote from Alfred Nobel, "To disseminate knowledge is to disseminate prosperity".

Governor John Gilligan gave a stirring and cogent address exploring the fiscal problems of the state where income tax has just become a reality. His concluding quip was, "Libraries Are For People," but you must prove "That People Are For Libraries!"

INSTANT
LIBRARIES
BETSY EATON

Donna Stewart, Librarian in Paden City, moved 8,000 volumes into the newest Instant Library post haste when a fire destroyed the City Building forcing city officials to use the old library as temporary headquarters. Additional shelving is on order to better house the library's collection. Dedication ceremonies are planned for late Spring when landscaping can be completed.

Progress was hindered in Hamlin when a person drove a car into the library building (unintentionally)! The Library Board is emphatically planning an early May opening.

The Clay-Battelle Library in Blacksville will open in mid-April. The librarians are on the job shelving books, and registering anxious patrons.

There is activity galore in Webster Springs and Man. It was a full house in Webster Springs when 80 persons viewed 8mm silent films (Frankenstein, Laurel and Hardy, etc.) provided by the Library Commission. Seventy people attended the second showing. Susan Moore is also having great success with Sunday hours; the patronage on this day is primarily adult.

Anita Doss at the Buffalo Creek Memorial Library is administering two Saturday art classes and a preschool story hour. To advertise the Library's services on its first birthday, a slide-tape program, produced by the Library Commission for use in Instant Libraries, is being presented to numerous adult groups--PTA's, churches, adult vocational classes, citizen committees. During National Library Week, Mrs. Doss is also visiting all elementary school classrooms to promote the Library's Design-a-Bookmark Contest and Summer Reading Program.

LAD/PLA/SORT/JMRT WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

The Middle Management Workshop on Professional Standards and Evaluation will be held in conjunction with the ALA Conference in New York on Sunday, July 7, 1974, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Attendance is limited to 250 pre-registered people. Pre-registration should be made by letter to Barry Simon, ALA Headquarters. There is no charge for attendance at this workshop.

TRAVEL NETWORK

The Junior Members Round Table continues to sponsor a Travel Network for students and Junior Members of ALA which offers overnight lodging in private homes enroute to and from annual conferences. The Network has proposed expanding its operation to year round travel, but is currently concentrating on travel to New York for summer ALA.

For referral to hosts enroute, plan a probable itinerary, including stops and dates, contact Marilyn L. Hinshaw, Travel Network Coordinator, El Paso Public Library, 501 N. Oregon, El Paso, Texas 79901.

CHILD CARE FOR NEW YORK CONFERENCE

JMRT/SRRT will sponsor a child care center for ALA Conference. There will again be a suite for children with activities planned during the week in and around New York City.

All inquiries or reservations should be made to Leslie Trainer, 47 E. 87th Street, New York, New York 10028.

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